

Application No. 10/582,873
Preliminary Amendment

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaged beverage, comprising ~~of~~ pH 2 to 6 with a green tea extract ~~mixed~~ ~~therein~~, comprising the following ingredients (A) to (E):

- (A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,
- (B) quinic acid or a salt thereof,
- (C) from 0.0001 to 15 wt% of a sweetener,
- (D) from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions, and
- (E) from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions,

wherein:

the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 6;

a content weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of said the quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to said the non-polymer catechins (A) is from 0.0001 to 0.5; and

a content of oxalic acid is not greater than 0.06 in terms of a weight ratio to said non-polymer catechins (A).

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~ ~~claim 1~~, wherein ~~said the~~ beverage is a non-tea-based beverage.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ ~~claim 1, which has a~~ wherein the pH of is from 2 to 5.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the green tea extract as a raw material is ~~one~~ obtained by adjusting a concentrate of green tea extract, ~~said~~ the concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that ~~said~~ the content weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of ~~said~~ the quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to ~~said~~ the non-polymer catechins (A) falls within a range of from 0.0001 to 0.16.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the sweetener (C) is an artificial sweetener.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 1-6~~ claim 1, ~~which is in such~~ wherein the beverage is in a form that ~~permitting~~ ingestion of at least 300 mg of non-polymer catechins can be ingested per day.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The packaged beverage according to ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 1-7~~ claim 1, ~~which is filled~~ wherein the beverage is provided in a clear container.